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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DEATH OF DOLAN AND SEIDL

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1. EMBASSY REGRETS THAT DUE TO HIGH LEVEL OF NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CRASH SITE AREA IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PROVIDE POSITIVE CONFIRMATION OF DEATHS OF DOLAN AND SEIDL AT THIS TIME. AS STATED IN REF B. AIR AMERICA PILOT WHO FLEW OVER CRASH SITE ON MARCH 13 AND WAS FIRED ON, REPORTED THAT PLANE WAS BADLY DISINTEGRATED AND THAT IT UNLIKELY THAT THERE WERE SURVIVORS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT DOLAN AND SEIDL SHOULD BE PRESUMED DEAD.

2. CONGEN NHA TRANG CONTINUES TO WORK CLOSELY WITH VIETNAMESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND AS SOON AS SECURITY PERMITS VIETNAMESE TEAM WILL ATTEMPT TO REACH CRASH SITE. GIVEN CURRENT INTENSITY OF NORTH VIETNAMESE ATTACKS IN CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AREA WE CANNOT PREDICT WHEN CONFIRMATION WILL BE MADE.
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